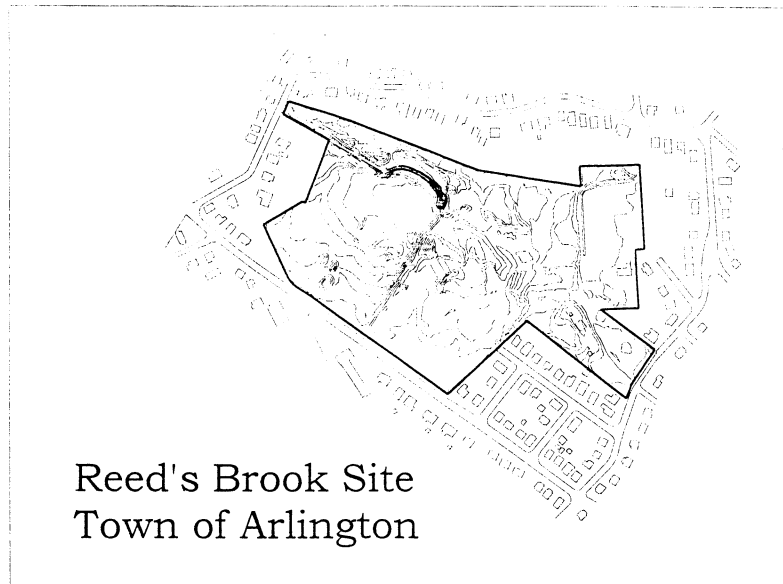


## **Appendix O.**

### **Reed's Brook Newsletter**





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TO: People Interested in Reed's Brook

FROM: Kevin J. O'Brien, Assistant Director  
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DATE: March 12, 2002

SUBJ: **CONSTRUCTION!!!**

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Construction is actually about to begin on Phase 1 of the Reed's Brook project. Albanese D&S, Inc. has been contracted to construct the storm drain improvements and will begin as early as next week. Things are happening quickly for a change, so I'm going to make this a short letter so I can get some important information out to you before its too late. I will send more info before too much more time goes by.

As construction begins, I'm sure there will be many questions. Please call me at 316-3092 whenever you have a question. I will try to anticipate your needs for information, but please feel free to call. If I don't have the answer, I'll get it.

As many of you know, the first work to be done is removing the sediments from the brook in Lexington. This will be done by means of large vacuum trucks, one in Lexington and one on Reed Street in Arlington. The sediments will be transported onto the landfill site to dry and be used in the re-contouring of the site. This process will take one to three weeks depending on the weather.

The next step in the process will be the installation of the new storm drain pipes first in Reed Street and in Summer Street. The two pipes connect via a route along a straight line from the intersection of Summer Street and Orient Avenue and 9 Reed Street. In an unrelated Town activity, the water pipes in Reed Street and Summer Street will be replaced in the next few

months. To coordinate that work with ours, the water pipe contractor has installed temporary surface water pipes which will supply water to houses along Reed St. With these in place, the storm drain work can proceed without worrying about interrupting or damaging the water pipe in the street. The water pipe will then be replaced after the storm drain is in place.

Laying the pipes in Reed Street and in the vicinity of 9 Reed Street is expected to require the blasting of ledge. Homeowners within 250 feet of the area have already been contacted by a company that is conducting a pre-blasting survey in order to be able to determine any damage caused by the blasting. We will notify the neighborhood before any blasting begins. If you wonder what the blasting may be like, you may remember the blasting that was done at 31 and 33 Summer Street in Lexington a couple of years ago.

According to the contractor's schedule, construction of the detention basin will begin in June and installation of the large storm drain in the backyards on Thesda Street will not begin until the end of the summer, mid August and September. Albanese expects to finish the Phase 1 before the end of the year.

In a related project, the Arlington Housing Corporation hopes to move the house at 36 Wright Street sometime this Spring. The Town Meeting voted last year to donate the house to the Corporation. It will be moved up to the street so that the land behind it can be made part of the park.

We've long talked about this construction, but with so many delays, people may have forgotten how disruptive this activity may seem to some. During the next few months nearly all the trees and vegetation on the site will be removed and thousands of cubic yards of dirt and trash will be excavated and relocated on the site. By the end of the summer, the small hills and other contours of the site will be apparent. There will be the noise of construction equipment every day. Work will be done in the streets as well which will result in temporary traffic disruption. At one time or other everyone will probably experience some inconvenience, but that is the nature of large construction projects. Another part of the nature of large construction projects is that we end up with a vastly improved area of town, having solved the flooding problems and providing recreational and esthetically pleasing resources for us all to enjoy.